



MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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Prior Application: K. ANAZAWA et al
Serial No. 10/078,347
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For: RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE DECONTAMINATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS



REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

MS: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 24, 2004

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/078,347, filed on February 21, 2002, entitled RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE DECONTAMINATION METHOD AND APPARATUS, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$ 770.00
Total Claims	5	-	20	=	0	x	18 = 0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	86 = 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 770.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, three (3) sheets, Figs. 1-5.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.


7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Engineering Co., Ltd.

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-104079, filed April 3, 2001.

The certified priority document has been filed in prior application Serial No. 10/078,347.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/078,347, as originally filed on February 21, 2002.


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